

The people of Massachusetts want the public at large that Butler's fight for the Democratic presidential nomination will be a strong and bitter one. Neither Butler nor his followers are disconcerted or disheartened by the result of the fall election, but rather are spurred to renewed efforts by it and the result will be a desperate push for the presidency.

Why not name the new mining town in Pima county Quijota. It would certainly be the most appropriate because the most distinctive and because it would be at once recognized as to location. Anyone outside of the Territory might read of Logan City and wonder where it is located, but whoever has learned anything of the Quijotas knows at once where Quijota is located.

LOUISIANA goes tooth and toe nail for high tariff on sugar. Ohio goes for high tariff on wool. Oregon goes for low tariff on wool and so on we might go over a large number of states wherein there will be the bitterest kind of disagreements among the law-making majority in Congress this winter on the tariff question. Hurd of Ohio goes for free trade against the instructions of his constituency. Slater of Oregon is instructed by the State Wool Growers' Association in endeavoring to convince that body that low tariff is to their interest and so it goes.

SENATOR SEWELL has introduced a bill in Congress for the purpose of reorganizing the militia. The militia law now in force is that of 1792 and requires that each militiaman shall be provided with a firelock and bayonet, two spare flints, a powderhorn, a quarter of a pound of powder and twenty balls.

The statesmanship at Washington that has so soon discovered the necessity of a new militia bill is something extraordinary—one might say, startling. Even poor "Lo" in the wilds of the Rocky mountains from British America far into Mexico has been shooting the most approved pattern of breech loading rifles and ball cartridges at least for the past fifteen years and for some Congressmen to so suddenly drop on the idea of making our militia laws conform to the progress of the age is a sort of cataclysm of brain work that rather stuns the public and must be exceedingly exhausting to the unfortunate individual whose mental grasp took in the situation.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, ostracizes from her society the school teachers of that city; this includes the teachers of her public schools, those in her private schools and seminaries. The reason why is not stated more than that it is a freak of society. This condition of affairs does not prevail alone in Topeka. In many of the eastern states the tendency is the same though not carried out. The prime cause of the peculiarity in society of rather discrediting the school teacher has no doubt grown out of the fact that ability in a school teacher has not been considered necessary and consequently the public in the great majority of cases has got what its temper indicated till the great mass of public schools from the Rocky mountains east are imbecile and farcical in the extreme. The public has made these schools so and the public will continue to debase them till an education will be a disgrace to a man, or till a man will be obliged to gather up what he can by himself without instruction, by driving out every teacher that deserves that name. Of course the places will be filled by the utterly incompetent and those driven in by stress of circumstances or who go into them without pride of character or position to eke out an existence.

The teacher deserves the favor of society, the first place in it. The calling is the noblest and the first in civilization, and the community that abuses its teachers socially will reap a bitter reward in fighting the ignorance that must ultimately prevail within its borders.

THERE is more work and less talk going on among mining men this winter than usual. Those who stood that their claims are likely to amount to anything are busily endeavoring to get down on them, and by some of our principal claim-owners we are assured that they will ship their ore to Benson, Pueblo or Omaha, should facilities not present themselves for working the ore here.

One well known, extensive claim-owner on Cave Creek assures us that he will have a small furnace put up

for his own use and his well-known enterprise is a sufficient guarantee that he is not merely talking. Owing, as he does, a large number of claims and many of them yielding good ores, the furnace will soon pay for itself and also pay for working the claims.

The mill on the Grand Canal is pounding away with great energy and will very shortly demonstrate what can be done with Winnifred ore. We prophesy that the result will be a larger mill and the opening up of that district at once. It shows fine silver and copper ores, of which latter there are several ledges that reach twelve feet in width and certainly show very rich samples, some of which are native copper. The silver is found principally in the form of black oxide in a favorable formation.

Very little has been said of the district but a number of prospectors and mill men have been steadily working on its promises for the past eighteen months and we believe their endeavors are now to be fully rewarded. We wait the clean up of this first run of the mill with great interest, for if everything comes out well it means a mining boom for Phoenix.

IN Alabama somewhat northwest of Montgomery stands the town of Birmingham, a city now with upwards of 15,000 inhabitants. Twelve years ago the place where Birmingham now stands was as homeless and homeless as the most bleak mesa of Arizona. A few gentlemen with capital bought up sixty acres of land and laid it out into town lots. It was located on a railroad. They encouraged manufacturing interests rapidly making their appearance without further assistance and in various lines of business—the original stockholders in the venture of founding a city have drawn, in dividends, just double what each put in and the stock itself has increased in value till to-day it sells for twenty-one times the original par value; in other words the stock has increased in value twenty-one hundred per cent. Anniston, Alabama, is another town of remarkable growth having some 6,000 inhabitants and being some nine years old. Roscoe, Virginia, is still another example of a town founded five years ago and now numbers a population of 7,000. We might go on pointing out such examples but these will suffice. The application of these illustrations has already been anticipated by our readers. What we would say scarcely needs saying. The thinking man who has carefully considered the situation in our valley just at the present time sees that we are on the eve of some just as remarkable developments as those we have just mentioned. The conditions are all favorable. Our farmers however need to satisfy themselves that they can raise an abundance of cotton and sugar cane. Our town of Phoenix needs to keep its liberal side to the world. If we would thrive as we ought we must encourage capital. If we would concentrate the business of the valley here, we must be enterprising. Our valley now contains one of the finest opportunities in the southwest for manufacturing capital to make a profitable investment and the opportunity will not seek long for some one to take hold of it. To enjoy the prosperity which such enterprises bring us, both enterprise and liberality must show themselves on our own part and we must take hold of such enterprises as will attract and fasten others to us—such as a railroad for instance.

THE REAVIS BUSINESS.

The Board of Supervisors of this county are in favor of doing something toward opposing the Reavis grant in the Surveyor General's office, and have written to the Boards of the other counties interested to invite their co-operation. This is a move in which all our citizens will, or should, sustain them. The place to commence the fight against this so-called grant is the Surveyor General's office. That is the first important battle line. Should Mr. Reavis secure a favorable report from the Surveyor General he will have won the preliminary and most important engagement. That he will secure a favorable report from that quarter unless the people affected by the grant oppose him is a foregone conclusion, unless appearances in this case are deceiving. We will

further suggest in this connection that the lawyer or lawyers employed must be thoroughly familiar with Spanish grants, law and language. Without these qualifications the best lawyers in the United States would be useless. It is not a question of law in the United States, but a question of Spanish law and grants.—Enterprise.

TELEGRAPHIC.

A FAMILY POISONED.

GALVESTON, Jan. 10.—A family of nine members, named Bird, residing on a farm near Kilmartin, Texas, have been victims of a poisoner, who evidently placed poison in the water bucket. Nearly all the family have died. Suspicion falls on a neighboring farmer, who had often threatened to have revenge.

MILITIA ARRESTED.

MOSCOW, Jan. 10.—Thirty-seven university students here have been arrested for the murder of Colonel Sudellin.

CALIFORNIA PIONEERS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—A Call New York special says: The Association of Pioneers of Territorial days of California, held their ninth annual meeting last evening to prepare for a banquet to be given on the thirty-sixth anniversary of the discovery of gold in that state.

WORK BONDS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—It is stated that the Oregon Navigation Company contemplates the issue of twelve million dollars of 5 per cent. bonds to relieve outstanding bonds bearing a higher rate of interest, and acquire branch roads originally built by the Oregon Transcontinental Company, against which the bonds are guaranteed by the Northern Pacific, were to be given in payment.

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—At a meeting of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Gibbon's joint resolution appropriating one million dollars, immediately available, to continue the improvement of the Mississippi river was agreed to.

Requests were sent last evening to all Republican Senators to be at their seats at 12 o'clock to-day for the purpose of electing Senator Anthony president pro tem. of the Senate. Before the hour arrived the purpose was changed and they determined upon to-night or tomorrow to consider the matter.

GEN. HANCOCK IN GALVESTON.

GALVESTON, Jan. 10.—General Hancock arrived from the west this morning and was received at the military headquarters with a salute of fifteen guns. While the troops were being reviewed by General Hancock a great throng of people gathered to catch a glimpse of the hero of Gettysburg. He leaves tomorrow for Little Rock.

FOR MURDER.

PORTLAND, Jan. 10.—The preliminary examination of Wm. Bloxham and Mrs. Mary Fisher, charged with killing Jacob Fisher, the latter's divorced husband, began today. The first reports of the homicide made it appear almost in self-defense on the part of Bloxham. Evidence was given before examining magistrate last night showing that Bloxham and Mrs. Fisher had frequently threatened the old man's life. One man testified that he had heard the two talking under his window a few nights ago when Bloxham said to Mrs. Fisher, "If you don't go up and kill the old fellow of a b—tonight I'll do it myself." The prosecution expect to make out a case of murder in the first degree and show they provoked a quarrel to bring about an opportunity for Bloxham to kill the old man. Bloxham has a bad reputation. He came here from San Jose, where he was known as "Big Mouthed Bill."

FRENCHMEN ON OUR WINES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—The Courier de San Francisco publishes a letter from Jules Bernard, vice-president and agent of the Society of France, to a prominent wine merchant of this city in which he says: I believe you will produce a great deal of wine in ten years, but don't believe you can send to Europe; we have tested your wines both white and red and they are far from being the equal of French wines in spite of the phylloxera; we have still passable wine at from 50 francs equal to \$10, to 60 francs equal to \$12. The hectolitre equal 25 gallons at Paris and at from 25 to 30 francs the hectolitre at the vineyards, and these wines are better than yours and less dear. However, we have found your white wine superior to the red wine. It continues stating that as large quantities of American resistant vines have been planted in France, Algeria, Italy and other countries the probabilities of exporting is still further reduced. Mr. Bernard, however, says that this country will probably be able to consume all the claret made in California for some years to come.

UNDER THE WHEELS.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 10.—Brenton Station, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, eight miles east of this city, was the scene last evening of a terrible accident, resulting in instantly killing two men and seriously injuring five others, one of whom has since died. All day a large force of men had been employed on the Pittsburgh division of the Pennsylvania road clearing the snow from the track and

a cut just east of Brenton. Some fifteen or twenty men were engaged last evening, about 7 o'clock, when the Walls accommodation suddenly rounded the bend at Brenton's, and before all the men could get out of the cut they were run down. The bodies of the two men were found badly mangled and life already extinct; five others were badly injured, and one has since died.

FORTIFY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The news paper discussions which have brought out the defenseless condition of the American seaboard have made considerable impression upon members of the House, democrats as well as republicans. There is a probability that a fortification will be favorably reported upon by the appropriation committee, providing the money necessary to begin to place the seaboard fortifications in an efficient condition.

STORM AT HONOLULU.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—Honolulu advises report a terrific storm December 15th, which did much damage to telegraph and telephone, which it destroyed, and many native buildings throughout the islands were swept away.

A communication has been received by Mayor Bartlett announcing an international health exhibition in London, to be held some this year under the patronage of the Queen. The latter stated that the exhibition embraces two classes—health and education.

The police authorities announce the fatal stabbing of Jeannette Star, a courtesan, by a jealous Chinaman. The affair has been kept quite in the hope of being able to secure the arrest of the Chinaman, but up to this morning no arrest has been made. The woman is not expected to live through the day.

COLLAPSED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—The shipping and grain firm of Waterman & Co., made an assignment to-day. Liabilities one and a half millions.

CAPT. WEBB BURIED.

STAPLETON BRIDGE, N. Y., Jan. 10.—The remains of Capt. Webb, killed in an attempt to swim the whirlpool, have been transferred to Oakland cemetery and buried according to Masonic rites. Mrs. Webb was present.

A MERRY MORTGAGE.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 10.—The Tribune's Color d Springs special says: The Denver and Rio Grande railroad filed a mortgage in the county clerk's office of El Paso county, this morning, and boat all its lines, rolling stock and lands to the Union Trust company of New York for fifty million dollars, to run 34 years at five per cent.

AN EDITOR SHOT.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9.—Charles Whitehead managing editor of the Evening Republican, lately established here, was shot this morning by T. S. Harris, a printer and associate of Whitehead. The ball took effect in the right side, between the hip and the lower rib. It is impossible to tell the result. The ball inside and fears are entertained that the wound will prove fatal. In the excitement it is learned that Harris and Whitehead had disagreed and as some of the property of Harris was being removed from the premises, Mrs. Harris appeared upon the scene and claimed the dictionary as her property. Her claim was resisted and in the controversy Mrs. Harris was ejected from the premises. Harris soon after put in an appearance and shot Whitehead as above stated. The shooter is now in jail.

Later—The physician reports the patient in good condition, and says the wounds are serious but not necessarily fatal. Harris is an old newspaper man, and came here from Bodie three years ago, his latest newspaper venture being the "Free Lance," which lived about three weeks.

DAN DOWD BOUND OVER.

TOMBSTONE, Jan. 11.—The examination of Big Dan Dowd, leader of the Bisbee bandits, closed this morning, resulting the defendant being held for murder, without bail. The evidence showed that the conspiracy to rob the store of Castaneda had been perfected by Dowd, Sample, Tex, Kelly and others, at the ranch of one Paredes, in the Chiricahua mountains, several days prior to the commission of the deed, and was overheard by Paredes. Nothing has yet been heard from Billy Delaney, the only one of the Bisbee bandits now at large, although news is hourly expected.

THE CHINESE QUESTION IN CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—You can tell California people, said Governor Rice, of Mass., says the representatives of the eastern states in the House are just as rampant against a law restricting Chinese immigration to day, as they ever were, and we will fight the proposition to amend the law as fiercely as we did its passage, and that we expect to have better luck than we had in our fight before. You can say also that we believe public sentiment is now rather in favor of repealing the entire law than for strengthening it. America should be free for all to come or stay, and Chinese or any other people should be welcome. The statement was repeated to representative Budd, who said he was happy to be able to say that Governor Rice was further away from real facts in the case than he was when he led the fight against the present law. My investigation in this house convinced me, said Budd, that our amended Chinese bill will pass the house by over two-thirds majority.

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